

Wanderers defeat First Division newcomers and R-O-D-N-E-Y Marsh

Wycombe Wanderers 1, Queens Park Rangers 0
HIGH WYCOMBE'S
football public paid
tribute to Queens Park
Rangers captain Mike
Keen on Tuesday even-
ing in recognition of his
long and distinguished
service to the club. It is,
perhaps, fitting that
Q.P.R. should reach the

first division in Keen's
testimonial season.

Mike Keen's rise to football fame is somewhat reminiscent of a fairy tale. Since joining the club at 16 Keen has led Q.P.R. to the first division and the Football League Cup.

He has always taken an interest in local sport and a crowd of 3,938 paid over £400 towards his benefit fund. Mike, who now lives in Flackwell Heath, brought eight experienced first team stars to Loakes Park — including Rodney Marsh, England's colourful under-23 player.

SLOW START

Rangers, playing their third match in four days, contented themselves in playing at a leisurely tempo until the final 20 minutes. Trailing 1-0 Q.P.R. quite noticeably increased the pace as, perhaps, their professional pride started to sting slightly but they were unable to dent Wanderers defence.

Wycombe were well worth their victory and might have scored two more goals. Q.P.R. were reduced to ten men for a while when Ron Springett, normally a goalkeeper but playing at centre-forward, hobbled off to be replaced by Rangers' coach Bill Dodgin.

The only goal of the match came in the 32nd minute. Worley, who had earlier been unnecessarily fouled by Harris, robbed Tony Hazell in possession and swept past Harris.

His centre was bundled over the line by Viv Busby.

Q.P.R. 'keeper Mike Kelly was forced to show the type of form which has kept former England international Ron Springett out of the custodian's spot with a brilliant save from Horseman just managing to recover and catch the ball on the line.

Little was seen of Marsh until the later stages when he made several gliding runs but on the whole both Rundle and Faulkner kept him quiet, rarely giving Marsh time to settle once in possession.

He did, however, treat the crowd to several shows of comedy which has earned Marsh the title of "Clown Prince of Soccer". Marsh nearly equalised when he clipped a lob over Maskell but Faulkner had moved back to cover the goal.

Wanderers' manager - coach Barry Darvill was very pleased with his team's performance and certainly this win has compensated for a disappointing season. Wycombe have now defeated two professional sides in 1968.

Wycombe Wanderers: John Maskell; Ian Rundle, Charlie Gale; Barry Baker, Vince Faulkner, Stuart Thompson; Len Worley (Dick Honeyman), Keith Samuels, Viv Busby, Tony Horseman, Les Merrick.

Queens Park Rangers: Mike Kelly; Ian Gillard, Alan Harris; Mike Keen, Ron Hunt, Tony Hazell; Ian Morgan, Mike Glover, Ron Springett (Bill Dodgin), Rodney Marsh, Les Allen.